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Jury Awards \$700,000 in Punitive Damages

Making the grand total of compensatory and punitive damages awarded to the Doe family just above \$9 million.

ESD Board Chairman John Eagle said he disagreed with the verdict.

“The verdict was wrong,” he said.

Statement from Episcopal School of Dallas

(DALLAS, September 21, 2011) – Attorneys representing the Episcopal School of Dallas said a jury’s ruling against the school is fraught with errors and will be appealed.

“The jury did not hear all the testimony; an excellent institution was deprived of its day in court,” said Chrysta Castañeda, lead ESD attorney. “The jury did not hear the strongest evidence in support of ESD, and I will urge my client to seek justice in the Court of Appeals,” Castañeda added.

The jury found that ESD was largely not liable for the inappropriate student/teacher relationship, but did award damages because of the separation of the former student from ESD.

“I don’t blame the jury,” said Castañeda. “They made decisions based on what they heard, not on what they didn’t hear. As an example, they did not hear testimony from the plaintiff’s best friend, who bravely told an empty jury box about the circumstances that led to the separation, which the plaintiff denied on the stand. In addition, the court remarkably refused to allow rebuttal testimony from ESD regarding the last-minute surprise testimony presented by the plaintiffs which had nothing to do with the facts in this case; that’s an astonishing ruling in this kind of proceeding.”

“You will hear differently,” said John Eagle, ESD Board Chairman, “but there are no winners in this case; it’s been extremely difficult for our community. I have already talked to our Executive Committee and the insurance company. This will be appealed, and it will be resolved in the right way. We have a strong and resilient school community, and it’s one that is very supportive of the school’s decision-making process in this matter.

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By [Claire St. Amant](#) Sep. 21, 2011 | 3:19 pm | [58 Comments](#) | [Comments RSS](#)

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Lisa @ September 21, 2011 at [3:42 pm](#)

Uh oh, John. Really wish you hadn’t gone there.

I keep holding out hope that you would publically acknowledge (a little) wrongdoing or just say nothing. Now it continues to appear like you are disingenuous all the way around.

Merritt Patterson @ September 21, 2011 at [3:45 pm](#)

Good job, Claire. Now go take a nap!

stupid much?? @ September 21, 2011 at [3:48 pm](#)

And, we disagree with how you, Mr. Eagle allow ESD to be run.

just sayin' @ September 21, 2011 at [4:03 pm](#)

@stupid much??

and who are you, Mr. Stupid Much??, that seem to know how to run a school? Are you a school administrator? Do you run something? Are you even a parent at the school? Would you be brave enough to say who you are? or are you one of the many people that share strong opinions on this matter, hidden behind the anonymity that this forum provides... Just sayin'

JS @ September 21, 2011 at [4:05 pm](#)

Eagle now gets lumped in the same category with Swann et al. How does he square his testimony during the exemplary damage phase with his statement that the verdict was "wrong"? Scratch ESD from the list of schools my family will be applying to in the future.

All smiles @ September 21, 2011 at [4:07 pm](#)

I hear gold is turning a profit these days. Maybe ESD can send some of those gold statues of Swann to Cash for Gold to help them pay this debt

\$4 million @ September 21, 2011 at [4:16 pm](#)

I haven't seen the jury's charge (and would love to), but based on what I've read, ESD is on the hook for a little over \$4 million.

As a side note - what a fascinating trial involving lots of powerful women - the lawyers for both sides, the judge, all the jurors, and the news reporter!

CurrentESDparent @ September 21, 2011 at [4:32 pm](#)

Claire, please put up the complete quote:

John Eagle, said after the trial, "The verdict of the jury was wrong. ... It's unfortunate that ESD never got the opportunity to put on their case."

stupid much?? @ September 21, 2011 at [4:39 pm](#)

Yes, I do know how to run a school. Thanks!

interested observer @ September 21, 2011 at [4:43 pm](#)

Let's see, not negligent for failing to supervise employee, did not negligently cause the child to be statutorily raped, not negligent for failing to protect children from harm, but grossly negligent? Grossly negligent for what? And fraud? What? If anybody committed fraud, the girl and Mr. Campbell committed fraud by concealing their wrongdoing from the school. I'm really having a hard time seeing how, if the school wasn't negligent for failing to supervise Mr. Campbell, it can be grossly negligent. Seriously, we need more information. This case is way underreported and way underanalyzed. Oh, and for you insiders who say it shouldn't matter, it does matter, in the same way the cases in the Catholic Church mattered. The more these cases are publicized, the more vigilant administrators in other schools are going to become, and the more aware parents and students will become of warning signs that need to be reported. We're not just voyeurs. We're members of the public attempting to understand just how much higher level managers should micromanage their employee's conduct off of the job site.

esdalum3 @ September 21, 2011 at [4:45 pm](#)

you would post a quote from john eagle saying the verdict is wrong claire.....just shows how biased you are.

Nancy @ September 21, 2011 at [4:46 pm](#)

The verdict was wrong. The Does should be awarded jail time. IMO.

esd parent and skeptic @ September 21, 2011 at [4:48 pm](#)

To John Eagle:

Quit wasting time on the trial/appeal. Start spending time on rebuilding the school. First step - fire Swann. Second step - remove yourself from the board.

Admit that ESD lost the trial, let the insurance company pay, and eat the deductible. Swann built a great school, which will be even better when he is gone.

Interested DAD @ September 21, 2011 at [5:12 pm](#)

Nancy a few weeks ago you were shocked by me using language that you considered rude. But yesterday you used language that was similar to mine that you asked if someone was smoking crack. Back to the two books, The Holy Bible and Animal Farm by Orwell, " All pigs are equal, some are more equal than others.

I want to know if you lie on an insurance policy yearly questionnaire about any knowledge of improper sexual encounters in the past, does that make the policy null in void? Is that fraud? More ammo for the plaintiffs defense of the appeal process. Be careful what you wish for.

Just curious, will Father Swann switch from White wine at lunch to Bourbon? I suggest Bourbon, I was pre med

trialwatcher @ September 21, 2011 at [5:14 pm](#)

ESD folks...

you are in denial.

you are enablers.

this is so sad that you would defend (even in light of this crippling verdict) Swann, et al.

such a horrible example to your children.

keep it up..they're reading every word.

Avid Reader @ September 21, 2011 at [5:38 pm](#)

The verdict is what the verdict is. The jury of peers with no bias found ESD guilty. The Does should get a community service award for bringing ESD's serious issues into the light of day so they can be fixed.

Frank @ September 21, 2011 at [5:45 pm](#)

I was there this morning to watch. Right as I was arriving, I saw Swann pull up and park his Porsche right across the street, before getting out with the collar on. I'm glad to see that the jury was able to see beyond the charitable organization sham.

Nancy @ September 21, 2011 at [6:00 pm](#)

Sorry interested Dad@ I don't remember being shocked by you. Maybe you can point me to the post.

Father Swann was not able to explain anything to the jury thanks to that stupid bias judge so the jury got it wrong but If they had gotten to hear him I don't think the Does would have won anything at all. ESD will win the appeal.

ESD expelled Doe. They did it for her but they wanted her gone too and who can blame them. This is ESD's big crime? They expelled her and were not nice enough about it?

I think the school has been too nice to the Does. I think they should consider suing the Does or at least file a complaint. Doe mom knew what was going on and did nothing.

Also Jane is no victim. [REDACTED]

trial_report @ September 21, 2011 at [6:08 pm](#)

Claire,

Please post the trial transcript online on your site..along with the relevant pleadings. With the Lemaster spin machine, the parents deserve to see who was caught in lies and how the ESD cabal acquitted themselves in front of the jury.

The Court of Appeals are all elected...i think there will be some hesitation on their part to prop up the criminality and the lies of the ESD faculty, staff and board leaders. They do not live in a vacuum.

Claire St. Amant @ September 21, 2011 at [6:40 pm](#)

@trial report, I don't have the transcripts, as you have to pay per page for them, and I work for a community newspaper.

Another ESD Parent @ September 21, 2011 at [6:44 pm](#)

Interested Observer: You are exactly on point. Based on the findings of the jury finding ESD not liable on the key accusations, there is no way you could reach a conclusion of fraud and gross negligence. 100% guaranteed reversal on appeal, not even including the dozens of other obvious trial errors the Judge allowed and rulings she made.

Eric Folkerth @ September 21, 2011 at [6:46 pm](#)

Congratulations to Claire and all the folks at PHP for, hands down, the best coverage of this trial in town.

I deeply appreciate all the blogs and updates, and I came here first to read about the verdict.

While there really are no winners in this case, the great coverage you all have provided was a huge help to the community.

Another ESD Parent @ September 21, 2011 at [6:47 pm](#)

Also, this Judge is not ranked worst Judge in Dallas by the Dallas Bar Association for no reason. Of course you would appeal anything coming out of her court. Common sense.

Rico @ September 21, 2011 at [6:55 pm](#)

Nancy, let's put a few things to rest, once and for all. First, a sixteen year old is legally incapable of consenting to sex. Second, it is a crime for a high school teacher to have sex with a student, regardless of the student's age. Jane Doe is clearly a victim and as a father of two daughters I will say a prayer of thanks tonight that you and people of your ilk who believe that a sixteen year old girl who was sexually assaulted by a teacher is not a victim are among the lunatic fringe in this country. If you are truly interested in the findings of negligence and gross negligence against ESD, read the initial post or better yet, get a copy of the Court's charge that contains the issues that the jury answered.

Former Lawyer @ September 21, 2011 at [7:01 pm](#)

Excuse me? I am a member of said ESD community and I am not one bit supportive of the school's decision making process in this matter.

Expelling that child is simply indefensible. It boggles my mind that they continue to maintain otherwise.

I am familiar with the dynamic between JDII, Campbell and the other kids. [REDACTED]

BUT — you.do.not.get.to.expel.her. You work with the family over a period of time to transition her smoothly somewhere else. You say "Parents, here is what we are seeing and hearing. What are you observing? We would like to see our school therapist intimately involved with handling this situation – how can we make that happen? Here's what we are thinking is probably best. What do you think about that? What might she think about that? Can we talk to her about it? Let's get a game plan together over the next couple of weeks. Can we reconvene in three days?"

You.do.not.get.to.expel.her.

ESD is basically high and dry on insurance. Intentional and grossly negligent acts are typically not covered. I'd go into the further poor judgement surrounding this issue and the legal staffing but it would bore anyone but another lawyer.

I do love juries. They get it right the vast majority of the time, popular thinking to the contrary.

ESD Staffer @ September 21, 2011 at [7:17 pm](#)

SEND THANK YOU NOTES TO ESD LEGAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

For members of the ESD community – faculty, staff, parents, students, and generous benefactors – please send your notes of thanks and appreciation to Joe Colonna, ESD's Chairman of the Legal Committee. (This was a committee of TWO, based on court testimony and did not include a lawyer).

If you're pleased with how this case was handled on ESD's behalf, Joe would be thrilled to hear from you. He picked the legal advisors, Chrysta Castaneda at Locke Lord and the esteemed Senator Royce West. Presumably, it was Joe's decision not to settle this case long ago.

Joe has been rewarded for his brilliant work handling this sad chapter in ESD's history with the Vice Chairmanship of the Board. That's right. He was recently named to that position. And that means he's in line to be the new BOARD CHAIRMAN. Let's see how he does in his role selecting the new headmaster.

Not sure how to reach Joe. He left his investment banking firm, HM Capital (formerly Hicks Muse) recently to go out on his own. Hope he does a better job in this new endeavor than his management of this tragic chapter in ESD's history.

mainzer @ September 21, 2011 at [7:46 pm](#)

@ Nancy,

Please, please, please, look up the words bias and biased and learn to use them properly.

stupid much?? @ September 21, 2011 at [8:19 pm](#)

@ Nancy- I am also reporting the Does. They should get a key to the city.

07DAD @ September 21, 2011 at [8:28 pm](#)

The compensatory damages include \$750,000 to the parents for past mental anguish with another \$250,000 for future mental anguish.

Alumni GK @ September 21, 2011 at [8:49 pm](#)

To begin with, it is a tragedy that the assault occurred in the first place. Sometimes these things are hard to prevent, but the situation may have been avoided if appropriate boundaries were explained by the school to instructors and were observed by them. I hope that steps are taken so that the likelihood of something like this happening in the future is reduced.

After the school was made aware of the assault, they SHOULD have allowed the student to stay if she so desired, and offered therapeutic services to her and her family as well other support they could offer. Instead, they expelled her, denying her this support and implying that she was in some way to blame. ESD talks a lot about "community" but this does not illustrate the idea in the least. Very disappointing.

And yes, the ruling may affect students and faculty who are not guilty of anything, which isn't fair, but that is the way it is. Regardless, ESD is still an excellent learning institution, but it is difficult to trust them when they value their reputation over the welfare of their students.

Skeptical @ September 21, 2011 at [9:00 pm](#)

@trial_report

Are you referring to the transcripts from today? Or the whole trial?

ShouldaGuessed @ September 21, 2011 at [9:46 pm](#)

Imagine that, another church school letting the people in charge molest the youngsters.

Who does this surprise?

"nothing to see here folks, now please donate more and your sins will be resolved...burp!"

Appeal! @ September 21, 2011 at [9:46 pm](#)

This case is and will be appealed. ESD will be vindicated and the Does and their crackpot legal team will get NOTHING!

trial follower @ September 21, 2011 at [9:55 pm](#)

@Another ESD Parent - you have not only taken a big gulp of the kool-aid, you are now swimming in it. you have guaranteed a "100% guaranteed reversal"? Really? I will give you credit for one thing, you have been extremely loyal.

Peter @ September 21, 2011 at [10:11 pm](#)

For those of you that wonder why some believe that Judge Benson is incompetent or biased, please see below:

Quote from D Magazine (Nov 2010 issue)–Wick Allison:

Judge Benson ranked 145th out of 145 judges in the 2009 Judicial Evaluation Poll conducted by the Dallas Bar Association. Her overall performance approval came in at 17 percent. Only 21 percent of lawyers thought their clients could get an impartial hearing in her court.

How else can you explain why Judge Benson declared 14 of ESD's student witnesses "incompetent" to testify. Their testimony was at the heart of why the school asked Jane to leave. But the jury was not given the opportunity to hear their testimony. Is that a fair trial?

CuriousReader @ September 21, 2011 at 10:19 pm

To @Nancy:

What are you talking about? "Father Swann was not able to explain anything to the jury thanks to that stupid bias judge"? Seriously? He was called to the stand 5 different times because of his ever-changing testimony.

And, BTW, it's "biased" not "bias."

Mary @ September 21, 2011 at 10:23 pm

The results of this trial shows where ESD has it's priorities. I am a teacher at a private school in the D/FW area and we are required to attend mandatory sexual assault/sexual harassment/child abuse training every year. Our students also attend self defense classes every year. Would this training have prevented Nathan Campbell from being a predator? Probably not. Would the fact that the culture of a school and it's leaders who consider mandatory training critical prevent the arrogance and cover up shown by the ESD administration? Probably. You are what you do when no one's looking.

Avid Reader @ September 21, 2011 at 10:25 pm

I truly hope that whoever wrote those last two lines was talking about the current decision making on how to go about the appeals process and not how Swann/Mayo/Royall handled JD.

This Is _____ @ September 21, 2011 at 11:00 pm

I find it hard to believe that for such a long period of time, the parents of "Jane Doe" had not even the slightest inkling that something was very strange about the way their daughter was acting. And how did they not find out she had NOT been at her friends house all those nights? I mean, are you freaking kidding me?!? Any decently involved parents that ACTUALLY pay attention to their child's lives would have noticed very quickly that something was very wrong.

I have no respect for the Doe family. They are feeding their daughter lies by making her think that nothing she did was wrong and by using her actions to suck all the green they possibly can out of ESD. The only reason they sued ESD was because they knew they couldn't get anything if they sued the teacher.

The people who are in the most wrong here are, Jane Doe, her parents, and the teacher. Definitely not ESD as an institution. Even if they had not kicked her out, why would she want to stay anyway? she would have been a complete social outcast.

ESD will appeal, and they will win.

Wade Douglas @ September 21, 2011 at 11:16 pm

Congrats to Claire for advancing her reporting career with a story about the "Sex Scandal at ESD" in D Magazine.

http://www.dmagazine.com/Home/D_Magazine/2011/October/Episcopal_School_of_Dallas_Sex_Scandal.aspx?page_1

The only word for this is sad @ September 21, 2011 at 11:19 pm

The only word for this is sad – this could have been avoided if it had been handled better by esd. I get that the school became an unhealthy place for her. She was sixteen – of course she is going to talk about it. She is the victim. The school should have acknowledged that, sat down with the family and done everything in their power to set her up in another school, pulled strings, asked for favors from the other schools in the community, paid for it, refunded all their tuition, etc. It was their school employing that creep. Deal with it with a loving Christian heart. They also should have sent a message by firing the teacher instead of just letting him resign. Where was the voice of reason? Of course she is going to talk to friends about thus situation – she wad sixteen – duh! – that's what girls that age do. I would think a school would know that. This is a beautiful school – I pray this attention fades away and they can focus on the current students, families

and teachers.

Texas born @ September 21, 2011 at [11:57 pm](#)

Carolinaborn where are you? Nancy needs you.

Carlos Castañeda @ September 22, 2011 at [7:50 am](#)

I'm sure I'll be appalled at all the asinine comments that will surely follow mine that will support ESD's incredibly bad handling of this situation.

Our courts exist for a reason, and one of those is to teach people a lesson that society doesn't tolerate certain things. I submit that many of you should rethink your positions on so called "tort reform", which is really an unconstitutional denial of people's full access to Justice.

Carlos Castañeda @ September 22, 2011 at [8:00 am](#)

Not to belabor this, but there are obviously no winners in this affair. The sad part of this is if ESD had simply done the honest and right thing the resources that should be going to their students will now instead go to their punishment and toward helping to repair the damage they caused.

UPMom @ September 22, 2011 at [8:25 am](#)

"The jury found that ESD was largely not liable for the inappropriate student/teacher relationship, but did award damages because of the separation of the former student from ESD."

As an outsider looking in who has followed this trial, I see this as a victory for ESD. The court HAS ruled that ESD was not negligent in protecting it's students...

#1 priority folks! And Jane Doe's patents through the financial judgement seemed to get the retribution they were seeking.

Now we know there are no true winners here. But I do feel better that the school was vindicated. And if financial punitive damages make the Doe family feel vindicated then good for them.

\$9 million or \$100 million wouldn't have made me drag my child through a trial this. Without knowing all of the facts, it did seem like an isolated incident and we are not talking about a serial predator like in the Kenakuk case. Of course it's wrong, but c'mon Doe's... Take it up with Mr. Campbell.

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stupid much?? @ September 22, 2011 at [8:34 am](#)

And still, they drag the victim in the mud, a desperate position that cost them \$9.2M. Why don't y'all give it a rest?

If this girl was SO horrible, why did your most popular teacher target her?

As to the Doe family, they were having problems, just like all people do at some point. That doesn't fit the perfect ESD image.

UPMom @ September 22, 2011 at [8:42 am](#)

Now here is where my parental instincts kick

In...I don't know how I feel legalistically about Ms. Doe's removal from ESD... But If I were the parents of her friend, Mary, or any other student for that fact, I would be mad as hell if I sent my child to school, boy or girl, and my child came home with salacious first hand details about a student's affair with a teacher.

That's just wrong. Does my child have a right do sue someone... People... Where does it end?

I'm sorry that Mr. Campbell turned out to be a creep. I'm sorry that Ms. Doe, at age 16, was so naive that she didn't see that she had a hand in this whole mess.

And I'm most sorry that our community has to see, yet once again, parents blaming others for their children's behavior.

ESD will persevere... Changes will be made... And that's good.

Mr. Campbell will be punished.., and that's good.

The Doe's will have their settlement after the appeal... And I guess in their distorted world that's good for them.

But, I pity Ms. Doe. Lots of baggage and misguided. That's not good.

Something's Fishy @ September 22, 2011 at [9:09 am](#)

It's an awful situation for the Does that no family would want. I understand those who say that money talks and they filed the lawsuit to exact changes at ESD

and make the world a better place, but if that were true, surely their could be a mote effective way!

About Jane being a victim, by definition she was. I understand those who know her and judge her on her actions and her reputation, but at the end of the day, by definition of the law Campbell was committing a crime.

Campbell knew it at the time and he knew it years before! You don't have to be in law enforcement or a lawyer to know the term "jail bait". It's in the movies and on tv.

It's also common knowledge, without special training, to know that having a sexual relationship with a student, no matter how vigilant she is at enticing him, is wrong. It is common knowledge that if you have a sexual relationship with someone outside your marriage, it is wrong.

Come on, with ESD being a "church school" and one of very high standards in education and reputation, it's hard for me to understand why Campbell wasn't fired immediately.

The actions of the administration suggest that they were covering up more than this situation.

I wonder if there is something behind the way they handled the Does as well. Father Swann's attitude on the stand in court and his way of responding to the questioning is suspicious.

I do feel bad for John Eagle and the entire board of ESD. I believe they are as in the dark about this mess as we are! Don't you know they regret agreeing to sitting on the ESD board once the law suit was filed!!!

Lisa @ September 22, 2011 at [9:16 am](#)

@UPMom

Not an "isolated incident". Did you read the testimony? There were 3 incidents that we know of, but by the way parents and children are threatened with expulsion, how many others just kept their mouths shut for fear of their kids being ostracized? It's so easy, and I regret to say shallow, to say it's all about money and what you would or wouldn't do in the same circumstance. I think the feelings of betrayal (by Fr. Swann) after the shock of the details of a daughter being a participant, followed by the handling of it would have pushed many a parent to pursue whatever justice they could. And if you studied up on victims of sexual abuse you would learn that acknowledgement and facing your abuser (and his/her enablers) is one of the keys to recovery.

interested observer @ September 22, 2011 at [9:41 am](#)

Given that there was no negligence for failing to supervise, etc. but there was gross negligence, are we saying here that the school was grossly negligent in expelling the girl?

Too many people are focusing on the employee and his relationship with the girl. Yet, the jury found no negligence there, so stop beating up on the school for failing to supervise the teacher or protect the student from harm. That's not the question.

Since the jury found no negligence on the part of the school for failing to prevent statutory rape, we need to treat this matter as if the school were expelling a student for falling behind in grades or being disorderly. What is the industry standard for expelling such a student? What is the duty to expel a student in a certain manner from a school where there is an at will relationship? Who establishes that standard? Does a school have a duty to provide counseling to any of its students who are wounded, not as a result of the any act of negligence of the school? What if a step father had abused the child and the child started acting up in school? Is the school a hospital or psychiatric center? Do we really expect schools to go that far? Why should we expect a school to be a psychiatric center when it is not licensed to deliver psychiatric services?

eastdallasgirl @ September 22, 2011 at [9:46 am](#)

I have yet to see proof that ESD cares about protecting the student-victim's safety. It appears to me that the Doe family threats for financial compensation won over the truth that this predatory arrangement between student and teacher was tolerated on school grounds.

Clearly, this relationship was not a secret, and I suppose the real issue is whether the teacher will face consequences for sexual exploitation at the criminal trial.

Lisa @ September 22, 2011 at [10:55 am](#)

I used to think very highly of John as well. He is a nice guy, a philanthropist, etc. But he and the ESD board are not in the dark, they are blind. Blinded and snowed by Steve Swann who has conned them for years. This whole relationship is almost incestuous (sorry about that creepy word) in the secrecy, betrayal, and threat of exposure amongst their "community". One has to remember it is not a network, it's a "web"

amanda @ September 22, 2011 at [11:29 am](#)

I think the jury did the right thing. Although there is a lot of coulda, woulda, and shoulda on the relationship...the fact is that the traumatic separation was the crux of this suit.

As a private school parent, I'll say that I would be FURIOUS if my donated and hard fund-raised dollars went to pay for this trial or an appeal. When ESD loses that phase, and owes the Does legal bills, what will they do next...put out a contract hit on JD2? They couldn't do much more to rip apart a teenage rape victim. Unbelievable.

I'm seeing the Facebook chatter...so many learning, life, and character lessons are being missed by ESD. That is really, really sad.

sandra @ September 22, 2011 at [11:51 am](#)

Just read the D Magazine article. It mentions parents that removed their children from ESD when this situation came to light. They are the smart ones. Removed their kids from an unhealthy atmosphere and put them into a situation promoting education. Seems like the believers in Swann are in denial. Either they have no affiliation with ESD and know nothing about the man or they are ESD parents that don't want to believe they spent vast sums for a quality Christian education only to be faced with the harsh reality that this school isn't so Christian after all. ESD has not stood behind its students and has tried to cover up the illegal and immoral sexual conduct of its employees. Let the teacher come in and resign, but cruelly force JD11's father to sign his daughter's removal papers or have her face expulsion? If anyone in this case is all about the money, it's Swann. He's like the Catholic church covering up illegal behavior of its priests so that things all stay the same with the money coming in and no one the wiser. Aren't we all so happy here. We have no problems because he hid them or made them go away.

Peace @ September 22, 2011 at [12:45 pm](#)

Appeal? ESD please do the right thing and put all this to rest. An appeal will only drag this out and it is not helping the healing process for anyone. The only ones that will get satisfaction from an appeal are ESD parents (if ESD wins). And only in the little "ESD bubble" because everyone else will still know what ESD did in court the first time around. Proceed with the appeal and the dirty laundry continues to be aired in blogs, TV newscasts, D Magazine and conversations in campuses across Dallas (the country). Even if ESD wins, it will only be seen as a victory for big money, entitled people. The damage is done. Any vindication from an appeal will only be a footnote, not sexy enough for any attention.

Imagine the conversations for kids with college recruiters - "Oh, you go to ESD?" or imagine the countless sporting events that kids from other schools will only use this whole fiasco for fodder. Is this really what we want for the kids and ESD?

I guess ESD won't be satisfied until 20/20 or 60 minutes comes knocking on the door with cameras.

Informed Observer @ September 22, 2011 at [2:00 pm](#)

Great commentary UP mom! It is nice to hear a human voice out there!

Plaintiffs in ESD Case Allege Witness Tampering, Perjury | Preston Hollow People @ November 3, 2011 at [5:02 pm](#)

[...] you may recall, a jury awarded the Doe family \$9.2 million in September when it found ESD liable for gross negligence and [...]

Advice on Parish Episcopal school in Dallas - Page 2 - City-Data Forum @ February 10, 2013 at [7:57 pm](#)

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